



STATE OF VERMONT  
Department of Education  
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**VERMONT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Vermont Arts Council Conference Room, 136 State Street, Montpelier**  
**October 8, 2008**

*The State Board of Education shall sustain a vision of high skills, creative thinking, and love of knowledge and learning for every student by setting education policy that ensures student achievement in a safe and healthy learning environment.*

**Approved Minutes for Special Meeting on October 8, 2008**

The current month's meeting agenda and packet materials may be accessed electronically at:  
<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/board/schedule.html#packet>

**Present**

**Board Members: Chair Tom James, Susan Schill; Kathy Larsen; Brian Vachon; Bill Corrow; Fayneese Miller**

**DOE: Carol King**

**Others: Betsy Bishop, Governor's Office**

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**Preliminaries**

**Item A: Call to Order,**

Chair Tom James called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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**Item B: Announcements, Board Member Updates (Board Members)**

Brian Vachon reported that he would be attending the NASBE meeting in Alexandria, VA, October 16, 2008.

Kathy Larsen reported that she would be representing the Board at the Milken award presentation on October 17, 2008.

Tom James reported that he had participated in a conference co-sponsored by NASBE and the US Army in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He noted that he had had a follow-up conversation with Vermont Guard General Michael Dubie and that he and that organization's public information officer might attend a future meeting during "Public to be heard." James also reported on a recent meeting with Chip Evans and John O'Kane, from the Human Resources Investment Council (HRIC), who indicated that they may attend a Board meeting to make remarks during "Public to be heard." Tom also noted a recent newsletter from the Lake

Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce which contained an article about Transformation. He also shared a newsletter from Kentucky which describes their *20 by 2020* initiative.

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**\*Item D: Review of applications for commissioner and discussion of desired candidate qualifications** (Board members)

**Motion:** At 10:35 a.m., Bill Corrow moved, Susan Schill seconded, that the State Board of Education go into executive session for the purpose of a personnel matter. Betsy bishop was asked to remain with the Board. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

The Board came out of executive session at 3:10 p.m.

No action was taken.

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**Item D: Adjourn**

**Motion:** At 3:15 p.m., Fayneese Miller moved, Brian Vachon seconded, to adjourn the October 8, 2008 special meeting of the Vermont State board of Education. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Minutes recorded and prepared by  
Carol King